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A. WEEK OCTOBER 4, BOSTON:

1. WE HAVE NOT YET FINALLY CONFIRMED SOME OF THE SCHEDULE
YOU SUGGESTED IN REFERENCE A, PENDING YOUR COMMENTS ON
THE FOLLOWING SUGGESTIONS ARISING FROM OUR DISCUSSIONS
WITH A.J. MEYER OF HARVARD AND L. DEAN BROWN OF MIDDLE
EAST INSTITUTE.

2. MEYER ASKS THAT WE ACKNOWLEDGE HIS RECEIPT OF YOUR
LETTER OFFERING TO BE AT HIS DISPOSAL DURING WEEK OF
OCTOBER 4 REPEAT 4. HE ALSO SAYS THAT HE HAS ACCEPTED
INVITATION TO INTRODUCE YOU AT OCTOBER 5 DINNER MEETING
OF BOSTON COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS. MEYER SUGGESTS
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THAT, IN ADDITION TO THOSE ENGAGEMENTS YOU HAVE ALREADY

ACCEPTED DURING WEEK OF OCTOBER 4, HE IS EAGER TO HAVE YOU CONDUCT TWO HOUR SEMINAR AFTERNOON OF OCTOBER 6 FOR "UPPER MIDDLE LEVEL" DIPLOMATS FROM ALL OVER WORLD STUDYING AT HARVARD IN SPECIAL PROGRAM AND INTERESTED

HARVARD FACULTY MEMBERS, SEMINAR TO BE JOINTLY SPONSORED BY HARVARD CENTER FOR MIDDLE EAST STUDIES AND

HARVARD CENTER FOR INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS. IF THERE IS TIME, HE WOULD ALSO LIKE TO ARRANGE A QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION FOR YOU WITH INTERESTED HARVARD GRADUATE AND UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS, POSSIBLY A.M. THURSDAY, OCTOBER 7.

3. OUTSIDE THE ACADEMIC ARENA, MEYER ALSO SEEKS YOUR COMMENTS ON HIS PROPOSAL TO ARRANGE FOR AT LEAST ONE AND PREFERABLY TWO DINNERS AT HARVARD FACULTY CLUB ON OCTOBER 6 AND/OR 7 WITH TOP BUSINESSMEN, BANKERS AND PUBLICISTS FROM BOSTON AND NEW YORK WHO WOULD NOT IN ALL PROBABILITY BE ON BOSTON COUNCIL, FIRST NATIONAL OR BCIU INVITATION LIST. MEYER IS IN CLOSE TOUCH WITH CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR, HERALD AND GLOBE EDITORIAL STAFF, AND COULD EASILY ARRANGE TO HAVE, FOR EXAMPLE, THE TOP THREE TO FIVE (OR MORE) STAFFERS FROM ONE OR MORE OF THESE PAPERS AT FUNCTIONS HE IS ARRANGING. MEYER ALSO WOULD LIKE YOU TO JOIN HIM AT HARVARD FACULTY CLUB LUNCHEON FOR SELECTED HARVARD FACULTY MEMBERS ON OCTOBER 7.

4. IN ADDITION TO MEYER'S PROPOSALS, DR. STANLEY SPANGLER, DIRECTOR, BOSTON WORLD AFFAIRS COUNCIL WOULD LIKE TO ARRANGE A LUNCHEON WITH 60 OR 70 BOSTON WORLD AFFAIRS COUNCIL MEMBERS ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 5.

5. WE CONSIDER ALL THIS PROPOSED SCHEDULE FOR WEEK OF OCTOBER 4 RATHER A FULL PLATE BUT WE DEFER TO YOUR WISHES AND WISH TO MAKE SURE YOU KNOW WHAT DR. MEYER IS PROPOSING.

B. OCTOBER 13-16, MASSACHUSETTS/RHODE ISLAND.

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6. ON OCTOBER 13, IF YOU WISH, WE WILL SCHEDULE EITHER DARTMOUTH COLLEGE OR SOUTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY. PLEASE ADVISE YOUR PREFERENCE.

--IN VIEW OF MEYER PROPOSALS FOR WEEK OF OCTOBER 4, WE RESPECTFULLY SUGGEST YOU CONSIDER ADHERING TO PREVIOUS SUGGESTION THAT YOU VISIT FLETCHER OCTOBER 14.

7. PROVIDENCE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS MEETS IN EVENING. YOU COULD FLY FROM PROVIDENCE A.M. OCTOBER 15 IN TIME FOR MIDDLE EAST INSTITUTE MEETINGS OCTOBER 15 AND 16 (SEE NEXT PARAGRAPH).

8. L. DEAN BROWN HAS SAID THAT IF YOU ARE AMENABLE HE WOULD WELCOME THE OPPORTUNITY TO INVITE YOUR ACTIVE AND PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN MIDDLE EAST INSTITUTE ANNUAL MEETING OCTOBER 15 AND 16 WHICH AS YOU KNOW WILL ATTRACT UP TO 800 MIDDLE EAST EXPERTS FROM THROUGHOUT COUNTRY. BROWN IS COMMUNICATING WITH YOU SEPARATELY.

C. NEW YORK CITY, NOVEMBER 9-11.

9. AMBASSADOR CARTER BURGESS OF FOREIGN POLICY ASSOCIATION NOW INDICATES THAT ONLY POSSIBLE TIME FOR FPA MEETING IS NOVEMBER 11. WE WILL CONFIRM THE ENGAGEMENT IF AGREEABLE TO YOU.

--NOVEMBER 10 BCIU LUNCHEON OKAY.

10. LET US KNOW WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING OTHER ACTIVITIES MIGHT INTEREST YOU DURING YOUR NEW YORK STAY:

--EDITORIAL BACKGROUNDERS AT WALL STREET JOURNAL, NEW YORK TIMES OR BUSINESS WEEK; MEETING WITH CRIA (COUNCIL ON RELIGION AND INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS); COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY MIDDLE EAST INSTITUTE.

11. WE WILL ARRANGE FOR BCIU INTERVIEWS AT SUITABLE LEVEL AS TIME PERMITS THROUGHOUT YOUR NEW YORK STAY.

D. POSSIBLE COLORADO VISIT, OCTOBER 18-19.
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12. PROFESSOR REGAI AL-MALAKH, EDITOR OF JOURNAL OF ENERGY AND DEVELOPMENT AT UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO, BOULDER, WISHES TO INVITE YOU AS A FEATURED PARTICIPANT AND POSSIBLY A PRINCIPAL SPEAKER AT THIRD ANNUAL COLORADO UNIVERSITY CONFERENCE ON UNITED STATES AND WORLD ENERGY, MONDAY AND TUESDAY, OCTOBER 18 AND 19 -- IF YOU WISH TO CONSIDER THIS FAVORABLY, WE COULD EASILY FIND OTHER VALUABLE OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOU IN DENVER AREA. BESIDES ASPENS ARE GENERALLY IN FULL FALL FOLIAGE IN BOULDER AT THAT TIME.

13. FINALLY, IN PARAGRAPH 5, REFERENCE A, WE WILL ATTEMPT MAKE SURE THAT FOCUS REMAINS ON WHAT'S UNDER THE KEFIYYAH AS OPPOSED TO JELLABA. KISSINGER

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